

News Release

The Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge has announced the availability of a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Compatibility Determination (CD) regarding the granting of a fiber optic cable right-of-way across scattered parcels of refuge lands in the Miller Lake portion of the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge. The lands involved are currently bisected by U.S. Highway 97, along which the California Oregon Telephone Company proposes to lay an underground fiber optic line between the California State line and Klamath Falls, Oregon.

The EA and CD analyze the proposed environmental effects on the refuge, which appear to be negligible, due to the presence of an existing right-of-way corridor associated with U.S. Highway 97.

Public comments on either the EA or CD will be accepted through August 31, 2001. Comments should be sent to: Refuge Manager, Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 4009 Hill Road, Tulelake, CA 96134. A copy of the EA and CD can be obtained from the same address, or located on the internet at www.klamathnwr.org.